

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 2167  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 16, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.